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TO : Chief, Intelligence School

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FROM : Chief, Intelligence Production Faculty

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 46  
15 - 21 December 1960I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The JOT's in the Intelligence Production course completed on 15 December two interrelated fields of instruction -- current intelligence production and specialized research methodologies. The OCI phase is an established part of the IPC that arouses high interest in the JOT's because of its focus on current political developments in the world. The phase on specialized research methodologies is a new feature in the IPC and covered research techniques which have been institutionalized in the National Indications Center and the [redacted] of FBIS/00.

In the OCI portion of the course the students were given an opportunity to familiarize themselves with OCI publications and to compare them with similar publications produced in the intelligence community, to write production articles, to participate in two Publication Board meetings, to confer with OCI analysts, and to meet former JOT's now working in OCI. As a result of these experiences the JOT's appreciate the practical production problems facing OCI and have some measure of their own capabilities and limitations in this field. The Publication Board meetings, in particular, have been successful in awakening the critical judgment of the individual JOT to the need for a high standard of thinking and writing. One measure of the success of this phase of the course is a discernible shift of the student's attitude from an academic to an intelligence view of world affairs.

The portion of the course on specialized research methodologies represents a change from the previous approach to Indications Intelligence and Propaganda Analysis in order to give more emphasis to the research methodologies used in these fields. As a type these methodologies appear to be similar to each other and to others used on a less systematic basis by the intelligence analyst in the major production components, particularly OCI. Through field trips to NIC and [redacted] and study of reports produced by DDI production units and articles written in the Studies in Intelligence each JOT gained first-

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hand experience in these specialized methodologies. The seminar in which the various methodologies were compared was lively with the staff pitching in to express an opinion as frequently as the JOT's. The success of the exercise on propaganda analysis owes much to [redacted] Chief of [redacted] and his people who developed that particular exercise and spent an afternoon explaining to the JOT's the scope and nature of their organization and its particular methodology.

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II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.



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